

## **Legal Advice Exercise**

Please read the following questions posed by court patrons. Think about how you would answer each of the requests.

1. A carpenter who is completely unfamiliar with the small claims court system comes to the counter. He want to sue a dance studio that never paid him for installing a wood floor. How would you answer the following questions?

A. What forms do I need to fill out?

B. How do I find out the legal name of the dance studio and if they are incorporated or not?

C. How much money do you think I should ask for?

D. Do you think I should pay extra to have the complaint served by the sheriff?

E. How long will it take before I get my money?

Please review your responses with your supervisor for clarification.

2. An attorney who was recently sworn in as a member of the bar comes to the counter. She is handling her sister's divorce and needs to know the following:

A. Is this the right place to file the complaint?

B. How much are the filing fees?

C. Which judge is likely to hear this case?

D. Is there a set formula that judges use in awarding child custody?

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